All Manner of Lively Things Shown in a Night Parade-Oldest Inhabitants Lead March at a Grand Ball-Two Days More to Celebrate Coney's 50 Years.

The Atlantic pursed its blue lips and blew cold on the first night's celebration of Coney Island's Fat Tuesday. The 50,000 or more folk who went to the city of odds and ends to frolic on the fiftieth anniversary of the day that old Capt. John B. McPherson hammered the first nail into Coney's first hotel shook and shivered.

It required fortitude of spirit and thickness of clothing to snatch an evening's fun in the teeth of the polar breezes, but they who started on the Mardi Gras festivities were made of heroic stuff. They were the pick of the millions who have skylarked at Coney this season and they were loval souls.

Unhappy was the girl who went attired as in the gladsome summer days. The chilly breezes found every puncture in her open-work stockings and every hole in her peek-a-boo waist. Unpleasant was the plight of the men who went blue serged, rithout waistcoat, scorning an overcoat. They were blue from their tops to their For such as these, and there were many, but one course of treatment brought joy, a course of highballs at Luna Park or Dreamland.

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Coney had an odd look about it, with its streets full of overcoated, bundled-up folks. Even the barkers had to wear toppers, and they gave that cheerful tribe a melancholy look. It was the hand-writing on the wall. It spelled the end of the season. It meant that Coney is to crawl into winter quarters in a few days.
However, the Coney Islanders celebrated the first night of the semi-centennial in a sort of "After us the deluge" spirit. Despite the cold, the opening of the Mardi Gras festival was a success. The crowd cheered (Coney's banner parade, held its breath while Coney burned in red and green fire, swarmed delightedly through the streets that blazed with electrics wherever there was space to hang an into a bloodwarm.

was space to hang an incandescent and topped off the evening with a bloodwarming ball in Stauch's.

One of Coney Isle's most interesting bits of history is the fact that on Sept. 20, 1854, Capt. McPherson started to build the first hotel that the Island knew. That was the old Point Comfort House, as every Conevite knows, and it is still standing at Thirty-fifth street and the ocean side. at Thirty-fifth street and the ocean side. There one may get a meal of sea food or a drink of strong waters from the same nail driver. In those days, too, it is recorded that coneys were hunted where the lights of Dreamland and Luna Park blaze now, and if a dozen people registered at the Point Comfort House in a whole day Coney

Point Comfort House in a whole day Coney was in luck.

Nothing less than a Mardi Gras would do to celebrate the captain's momentous nail driving, Coney Island decided. Coney had a poetical reason to excuse the apparent incongruity. It is true that in Rome or Paris or New Orleans Mardi Gras is Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent, when the world turns over a new leaf for forty days and goes into retirement. Therefore, Coney argued, the days that precede its own

world turns over a new leaf for forty days and goes into retirement. Therefore, Coney argued, the days that precede its own fasting and gloom ought, of right, to be celebrated by a Mardi Gras.

They started it off with a brave parade where walked birds and beasts that natural historians know not of, ladies and knights of story books, chariots from the triumph of a Roman Emperor, snorting automobiles assertively modern, elephants and poodle dogs, "shoes and ships and sealing wax and cabbages and kings"—in a word, all Coney Island boiled down and concentrated in a line of moving things. It was Luna Park and Dreamland and Surf avenue and The Bowery and the Steeplechase all at once, a crashing, rattling, laughing, howling, whooping, cheering, singing clam chowder of the strenuous little isle.

A cannon boomed at 10 o'clock and the parade swung out from the review stand at the Concourse Park Hotel and wound like a glittering snake to Surf avenue. The grand marshal and his white sash—his name was Parker—was a thing to excite mad cheers. There followed Conahan, the chief of staff, all red and blue sash and haughty of countenance. Then a bugler, blowing fit to burst, Dustin was his name, wound about with white and blue. The band followed, their brasses blaring the prophetic melody:

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Then the cheering began in earnest. There was reason. One hundred sturdy fellows from the Brooklyn navy yard, men of the United States Marine Corps, tramped proudly. It gave a touch of dignity to the thing. More sashes, then a dazzling, eye-tiring, wonderful thing on wheels, Luna Park's "A trip to the moon" float, every foot of which was gleaming with white and red electrics.

Followed the Durbar of Delhi. Mehemmet Ali, keeper of the elephant folk, muffied in his white and red striped blanket, turbaned in his best, strode at the head of his people. He was no Pathan from the north to blink at the bone biting cold, was Ali, and he shivered to his white beard. The camels, the ugly conts, stumbled along, bobbing their absurd heads. The bearded Sikhs tramped behind the red coated British. The poor, miserable little monkeys, chattering from the cold, tugged at their straps. A cobra, of all snakes the ugliest, raised its hooded head and hissed behind Rajput Singh, the bad baby elephant. Dervishes and dancing girls, fellaheens and fakirs, lords and ladies in flowing lace and coat of mail, so they passed.

More floats, more of the besashed, the firemen who fight the burnless flames, then Thomas Abbott and Mrs. Susan Hubbard, the oldest of Coneyites, the one 84, the other 92. Coney in 1905 was a prophecy awheel, an inspiring float to the natives. More bands crashed, bareback riders on fat horses, the little people of the midget city, school children, a clown mule that was disappointingly sedate, Kenneth F. Sutherland, more floats, beer floats, there was the parade.

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Another cannon boomed. A red flame shot into the air from the Bowery. Whistles blew. Cries of "Fire" startled the crowd. Six fire engines dashed through the streets. Coney was afire again. It was quite to the life. For a half hour the town was destroyed over again. Tons of red fire were burned from house tops in the region that real flames devactated a year ago. Parade not excepted, it was the best show of the evening.

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It was 11 o'clock when the grand ball started off with old Mr. Abbott and old Mrs. Hubbard leading the march. They telescoped two bands to make the music and Coney had not seen such dancing for many a day. The wonder of it was that folks could shake a foot nimbly in such a jam of dancers.

They will have it all over again to-day and to-morrow with variations. In the atternoon Miss Eleanor Weber, Miss Florence West and Mrs. Alfred Brown are down for a swimming contest if the water isn't too cold. To-night the feature of the Mardi Gras will be the burning of a steamer off the shore and the life savers will show how folks are saved at sea.

It's a good show, but don't forget to take your overcoat.

Snow in the White Mountains.

BRETTON WOODS, N. H., Sept. 21.-Snow fell heavily for an hour to-day. At the summit of Mount Washington the temperature was 18 degrees. The Presidential range is white with frost and snow to the base of the mountains. Killing frosts are reported to-night throughout New Eng-

OBITUARY.

William Shrady of the law firm of J. & W. Shrady of 90 Nassau street, died on Tuesday from intestinal trouble at his residence. 25 West 120th street. He was a brother of Dr. 25 West 120th street. He was born in this city in 1841. In addition to being a lawyer he was a painter of some note, and years ago he frequently was an exhibitor at the old Academy of Design. He leaves a widow, one son and three daughters.

FIGHT ON RECLUSE'S ESTATE. Physician Who Cared for W. A. Husted

Claimed Most of His Property. GREENWICH, Conn., Sept. 21.—Papers were served yesterday on William Abel Husted of Port Chester, administrator of the estate of the late David S. Husted of this town, that are probably the preliminary steps in a sharp legal controversy over the distribution of the estate.

David S. Husted died intestate last March. He was one of the most peculiar men who ever lived in the town. Three times his neighbor, Alexander S. Mead, brought suits against him for the alleged burning of his barns, once securing a verdict for \$5,000, which compelled Husted to sell a part of his farm lands to William Rockefeller to raise the funds necessary to satisfy the judgment. In the last case, however, with substantially the same testimony, the jury brought in a verdict for

For years Husted lived the life of a recluse in a barnlike structure on his farm with Catherine Chadwick, an old woman, to keep house. He was very saving and invested his money in Greenwich mortgages. For years he had been affected with epileptic fits and took so much medicine to ward them off that he turned dark and was taken for a negro by strangers.

Last fall Husted's malady became worse and in February, by advice of his physician, Dr. J. J. Burnett, he went to the doctor's home to live. He had the best room in the house and every want was supplied. Old Mrs. Chadwick had been sent away to board. Husted died in March, leaving as his only relatives William Abel Husted and Mrs. Mary E. Reynolds of Port Chester, brother and sister. The brother was appointed administrator by the Court of Probate and it was found that the estate inventoried \$50,000, which the brother and

sister expected to divide. The developments of the last few days The developments of the last few days indicate that they may be disappointed, for the papers served this week were notices that Mrs. Mary T. Burnett holds a note of \$25,000 against the estate. The note reads: "I promise to pay to Mary T. Burnett \$25,000 with uses. David S. Husted," and that Dr. J. J. Burnett has a claim of \$11,000 for medical services.

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William Abel Husted says the claims are preposterous and has engaged Samuel Fessenden as his counsel to contest them, while Mr. Burnett has hired Stiles Judson of Bridgeport as counsel.

Mrs. Burnett has paid the board of old Mrs. Chadwick since she left the house occupied by Husted and herself for so many years.

Dr. Burnett was the beneficiary under the will of the late Jotham Tompkins of White Plains, a lineal descendant of a Vice-President of the United States, under almost similar conditions. Tompkins was ill and came to Dr. Burnett's house to live, In a couple of years he died and left a will bequeathing all his estate, amounting to \$18,000, to Dr. Burnett. There was a contest in the Surrogate's Court of White Plains, but the will was sustained and the estate was turned over to Dr. Burnett.

PERCIVAL WARD MISSING. His Memory Failed in a Play in Canandalgua-Disappeared on the Way Home.

Percival Ward, who has been an actor, theatrical manager and stage manager, is missing. His wife, who is an actress, went to Police Headquarters last night and asked that a general alarm be sent out for her husband. Ward is 38 years old. He lived at 223

Ward is 38 years old. He lived at 223 West Forty-third street. He has been in poor health for the last year. Recently he got a place as manager of a stock company at Canandaigua, N. Y. On Sunday his wife received a telegram from that place stating that her husband had been put on a train for this city and that she had better meet him. She waited for many trains from Canandaigua, but her husband was on none of them.

On Monday Mrs. Ward received a letter from her husband stating that he had attempted to take part in a play, but was unable to play the rôle because his memory failed him. She fears that he has become mentally afflicted and is wandering about either in this city or in some place up the State.

\$700 FOR COMING TO AMERICA. Miss Gray Did Not Care to Land, Only to Comply With Uncle's Will.

Florence Gray, an English girl of twenty, who arrived last week Saturday in the steerage of the American liner New York, from Southampton, sailed yesterday for Liverpool aboard the White Star steamship Oceanic. She spent all her time while ship Oceanic. She spent all her time while here on Ellis Island. She told the immigration officials that she did not want to land in the city, and that the only reason she came here was to comply with the provision of the will of her uncle, who left her a legacy of about \$700, provided that she would go to America. Her guardian told her that it would not be necessary for her to stay here more than aday. All that she had to do was simply to land and return when she felt like it. Whatever the intent of her uncle may have been, his will said merely that she should go to America, and, after a talk with her guardian, she took the trip. She came in the steerage, she said, because she could not afford to spend more money in a mere sea voyage.

ALCOHOLIC REUNION.

Friends United in Bellevue, Where Each Had Sought the Other.

A man who was barely able to steer a course tacked into Bellevue Hospital last night, looking for a friend, he said, with whom he had spent the day.

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The doctor advised him to remain. He said that he was Alfred Lakend, horse trainer, of 24 West Second street. Coney Island.
"Jus' put Timothy D. Sullivan down as my frien'," he said to the clerk. He couldn't tell where the Hon. Timothy D. lived, so the Congressman's address was marked "not known."
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Two hours later another man in need of treatment reached the hospital and inquired for Lakend. Dr. Parce gave him the adjoining cot. He is registered as William Thalerm, a hotel clerk, of 111 East Twenty-

Betired Merchant Commits Suicide.

BUFFALO, Sept. 21.-Frederick C. Karcher, a retired dry goods merchant, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the breast, in his bedroom at his home 181 Arkansas street. No reason for the

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deed is assigned.

Mrs. Karcher reached her husband's side from another part of the house about one minute after the shooting and helped him to his bed, where he died two hours after the shooting.

Failed Three Times to Kill Himself.

Francesco Zandelli, 80 years old, who lives with his son, Giuseppe, at 3 Nesbitt street. Newark, made three attempts to kill himself yesterday morning, by throwing himself on the tracks of the Lackawanna Railroad at the Nesbitt street crossing Each time workmen saw him and dragged him off the rails. The old man told the police he wanted to die because his son had turned him out of the house. The son denies this.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The funeral services of the Rev. Dr. George C. Lorimer, formerly pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, will be held at that church, Madison avenue and Thirty-first street, this afternoon at 3:20 o'clock. Plans were filed yesterday for the foundations of a new public school. 200 feet front and 85 feet deep, to be built in Brown place, between 185th and 186th streets, in The Bronz.

PETER OF SERVIA CROWNED

ASCENDS THE THRONE OF THE MURDERED ALEXANDER.

Ceremony Passes Without Disturbance -Three Hours Devoted to the Coronation-Diplomatic Body Johns in Greeting to the King-Historic Gun Fired.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BELGRADE, Servia, Sept. 21.-Peter Karageorgevitch was to-day formally crowned as the successor of the murdered Alexander Obrenovitch on the throne of Servia. The ceremony took place in the Cathedral, where

the royal procession arrived at 8 o'clook.

The King left the palace accompanied by his two young sons, George and Alexander. his aides and staff officers, a procession of heralds and an escort of soldiers. Outside the Cathedral he was received by the diplomatic body and the Servian Ministers with military honors. In the Cathedral the King was met by the Metropolitan and all the Bishops of the Servian Church.

The ceremony of coronation lasted three hours. The King then returned to the palace, wearing the crown and royal robes, and received the congratulations of the diplomatic representatives of other rulers. Meanwhile heralds and bearers of the royal insignia had taken position in the grand festal hall of the palace, with officers of state, ecclesiastics, military officers and deputations from public bodies.

The King, followed by the members of the royal family, entered and ascended the throne. There he ceremoniously received the orb and sceptre, assumed the royal purple, and placed the crown upon

The ceremony of rendering homage followed, after which the King divested himself of the royal insignia and handed them to the custodians.

The celebration of the day began with the firing of a royal salute of twenty-one guns in every garrison town of Servia. After the ceremony of coronation was completed a salute of 101 guns was fired in the capital. For the first round was used a brass gun cast by the first Karageorge, leader of the in-surrection against Turkey in 1804 and founder of the dynasty now represented by King Peter. From a part of this gun the crown used in to-day's ceremony was made.

After leaving the cathedral King Peter returned to the palace riding a white stallion that formerly belonged to King Alexander. During the reception following the coronation his Majesty twice removed his bronze crown, the weight of which, thirty pounds, was unbearable. He showed signs of physical weariness during the tedious coronation ceremony, and at the close of the reception he was quite exhausted. While the royal insignia were being carried to the cathedral the royal standard was accidentally dropped in the mud.

No untoward incident marred the corona-

OCEAN RATE WAR ENDS. North German Lloyd Company's Action

in Raising Rates Followed by Others. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LIVERPOOL, Sept. 21.—Further advances in transatlantic passenger rates were made to-day, following the action of the North German Lloyd. The American Line increased its steerage rate from Southampton to Philadelphia to fifty shillings (\$12.50) and

the rate to Quebec to sixty shillings (\$15). The new rate will go into effect to-morrow.

The White Star Line announced an inrease of its steerage rate to sixty shillings. Differential rates for first cabin passen-Two thousand steerage passengers, at

the \$10 rate, sailed on the White Star liner Baltic to-day when she left here for New SPAHR'S BODY FOUND.

Editor Who Disappeared From Channel Steamer Was Drowned Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

Dover, England, Sept. 21.-A body found to-day at Broadstairs, on the east coast of Kent, has been identified as that of Charles B. Spahr, editor of Current Literature, of New York, who disappeared from the steamboat Prince Albert on her trip from Ostend to Dover on the night of

Prescott, the American consular agent here, went to Broadstairs to-day and identified the body.

A coroner's inquest into the death of Spahr will be held Friday. In the pockets of his clothing were found a gold watch, his passage ticket and some Ameri-

KING QUARRELS WITH PREMIER. Alfonse of Spain Determined to Go on an Automobile Tour.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Sept. 22.-A despatch to the Express from Madrid says that King Alfonso has had a sharp quarrel with Prime Minister Maura because the latter objected

Minister Maura because the latter objected to his Majesty going on an automobile tour through Spain, owing to the risk of accidents and attacks by Anarchists.

The Prime Minister appealed to the King's mother, who supported Señor Maura. Thereupon the King angrily declared that he would rather lose his Prime Minister than abandon the tour. He has ordered two automobiles from Paris.

COUNTESS BISMARCK'S GRIEF. Painful Scene When She Loses Centrol of Herself at Husband's Funeral.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Sept. 21.-The funeral of Count Herbert Bismarck was held at Friedrichsruhe to-day. While the service was in progress the Countess made a painful scene. She threw herself upon the coffin, unable to control her grief, and had to be removed from the room. Gen. von Hahnke, the personal representative of the Emperor, and Count von Euelow, the Imperial Chancellor, headed the procession to the mausoleum.

LADY CURZON ILL.

Departure of the Viceroy for India Delayed by Her Condition. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

DOVER, Sept. 21 .- Lady Curzon, wife of the Viceroy of India, is seriously indisposed. Her illness probably will delay the departure of Lord Curzon for India.

Coming on the Baltic. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Sept. 21.-The Earl of Yarmouth, the Bishop of Ripon, Rear Admiral Sir Charles Drury and Sir George Newnes, M. P., are passengers on the White Star steamship Baltic, which sailed from Liver-pool for New York to-day.

Oriental Steamship Company Dividend Special Cable Despatch to TRE SUN. Tokio, Sept. 21 .- The Oriental Steamship Company declared to-day a dividend of 12

Brooklyn Planist Kills Himself.

William Lee Berry, 28 years old, a pianist, committed suicide by gas asphyxiation on Tuesday night, at the Abbott Hotel, 1235 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, where he had been stopping for a few days. Despondency through failure to obtain employment is supposed to have been the cause of the act. Until a few months ago he lived with his father and sister at 94 Pulaski street.

RECORDS ON SHILOH'S FIELD.

Whitelaw Reid Says Errors Have Been Made on Monuments-A Denial.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 21.-Whitelaw Reid's letter to the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, in which Mr. Reid asserts that gross injustice is done to several regiments from Ohio by the inscriptions on the Ohio monuments at Shiloh battlefield, stirred up the veterans to-day.

Mr. Reid asserted in his letter that the monuments insinuate that the Ohio regiments entered the fights in Shiloh territory after they were practically won. He said this was untrue. At to-day's session a resolution was addressed to Gov. Herrick of Ohio and to the Secretary of War, asking them to investigate Mr. Reid's assertions at once and to report to a special committee

of the society.
CINCINNATI, Sept. 21.—Col. C. Cadle of this city, chairman of the Shiloh National Military Park Commission, was interviewed to-day upon Whitelaw Reid's letter and

Shiloh state 'the time when certain regiments went into action is set down, on the very monuments the State has erected on spot, three or four hours after they had been hotly engaged and the field had been well nigh regained. Whether this is due to a blundering effort to shield names. which need no such treacherous props to their solid renown, and to do it at the expense of the army of the Ohio, or whether it is due to mere incompetence, the effect is the same.'

"I desire to say that the inscriptions upon the monuments erected by the Union States to their troops engaged at Shiloh were prepared by the commissions of those States, and not by the national commission, and the hours named were taken by them from the official records of the War Department and are correct and were approved by the national commission and the Secretary of War."

VICOMTESSE DE FARAMOND ILL. Wife of French Naval Attache, Formerly Miss Langham, Has Appendicitis.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21.-Vicomtesse de Faramond, wife of the Naval Attaché of the French Embassy at Washington, is in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, this city, in a precarious condition, the result of an operation for appendicitis performed last Tuesday. The attending physicians, who include Prof. Ernest La Place, chief surgeon of the hospital, hold out hopes

for her recovery.

Constantly at her bedside is her husband. The operation was made necessary by the third attack of appendicitis that the Vicomtesse has suffered since her marriage two years ago. Heretofore she escaped an operation by external treatment. The present attack first became acute on Saturday last, when her husband communicated with Dr. La Place and had her brought to

The patient is a sister-in-law of Baron Von Sternburg, the German Ambassader to this country, whose mother is also with the Vicomtesse. The Vicomtesse Fara-mond was a Miss May Langham.

NEBRASKA'S CORN CROP.

Estimates of Railroads Make It 211,000, 000 Bushels—Safe From Frost.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 21. - The Union Pacific and the Burlington railroad to-day made public their estimates on the Nebraska corn prop for this year, and both roads have arrived at practically the same figures, the Bur-

rived at practically the same figures, the Burlington making the number 211,000,000, and the Union Pacific 211,330,303 bushels.

The Burlington's report was compiled by the agricultural department of the University of Nebraska. Both agree that the quality of the grain is much superior to that of last year and that the grain will grade very high. The figures given by the railroads are many millions less than those of ordinarily well informed grain dealers, who variously estimate the Nebraska corn crop at from 210,000,000 to 275,000,000 bushels. Reports from all parts of the State show no damage was done to the corn by last night's cold, the clouds preventing damaging frosts. Cloudy weather prevails throughout the State to-night and no damage is looked for. The Government weather bureau forecasts higher temperature for Thursday and the passing of further danger Thursday and the passing of further danger to the corn, which will be fully matured by the end of the week. Ninety per cent. of the crop is already past the danger rount.

FOUND BRIDE BURNED TO DEATH Jersey City Man Returns to Dinner to Find

New Wife's Body. Mrs. Annie Fox, 28 years old, a bride of a few weeks, was burned to death yester day in her rooms on the top floor of a fourstory tenement house, at 170 Bay street,

story tenement house, at 170 Bay street, Jersey City.

Maurice Fox, her husband, saw several fire engines in front of the door when he came home for dinner. The firemen told him they had found a lounge burning in one of the rooms. Nothing else had been damaged, they said. Fox went through the apartments and found his wife dead on the floor in a store room. Her clothing had been burned off. It is believed her dress ignited while she was about to start the kitchen fire.

WERE A BROOKLYN PAIR Who Were Married in Greenwich-Bride Divorced a Year Ago.

The man and the woman who were married in the law office of Judge George C. McNall in the law office of Judge George C. McNall in Greenwich, Conn., on Monday night by Judge Charles D. Burnes and rode away in the motor car in which they had arrived were Col. Stanhope C. Renwick, formerly a Brooklyn insurance man of 203 Macon street, but now of 445 Kingsbridge road, and Eleanor Bell, a daughter of Edward Bell. She also lived at one time in Brooklyn. The bride says that she is 24 years old and that she was divorced a year ago. Renwick was the corespondent. The Renwicks will leave to-day for Colorado.

DRY DOCK HOTEL MAN ARRESTED. Max Schwartz, to Whose Rescue Justice Gaynor Came, Is Locked Up.

Max Schwartz, manager of the Dry Dock Hotel, Third street and the Bowery, was arrested and locked up in the Fifth street station last night, charged with keeping a disorderly house. The arrest was made on a warrant issued by Magistrate Flammer in the Yorkville police court on evidence secured by three policemen.

Justice Gaynor not long ago restrained the police from placing men in uniform in front of the hotel's doors.

Naturalization in Labor Contracts. On account of constant trouble over complaints of violations of the naturaliza-

tion clauses in the Labor law, the contractors who do city or State work have adopted a form of contract which every man they employ on public work must sign. The form of contract, which has been approved by Labor Commissioner McMackin, specifies the court which naturalized the citizen Dies at a Friend's Funeral.

Mrs. Kate Reeves, 55 years old, of 241 Bush street, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart failure while attending the funeral of her friend Mrs. Annie Horan, at 288 President street, Brooklyn. She was much affected while taking a last view of the remains and remained seated in the parlor after the casket had been carried to the hearse. With a groan she sank to the floor and expired before a physician could be supposed.

FORGED PINKERTON'S NAME.

DETECTIVE ASPIRATIONS GET TROUTMAN IN TROUBLE.

Posed as a Sleuth and Had a Badge to Prove It—Cashed Bogus Checks and Now Is in Jall Here—Cigarettes Said to Have Been a Cause of His Downfall.

When Theodore Troutman embarked in the check forging industry it was not so much an inspiration of criminal humor as force of circumstances which made him select the Pinkerton Detective Agency as the victim of some of his most dashing operations.

Theodore, who is now locked up at Police Headquarters pending a hearing this morning in the Tombs police court, has a fondness for a sporting life and a weakness for eigarettes and detective literature. His cigarette dreams were not placid; they were filled with dark plots of crime nipped in the bud by acute and mysterious ones who detected.

In one of these trances, some months ago, he walked into the Pinkerton agency here in New York and offered to give that concern the benefit of his inspired talents. They let him go at the agency without putting him under arrest on general principles, and this lenity Theodore must have regarded as equivalent to an engagement. At all events, he went straightway and got himself a badge with "detective" on it, pinned it on his waistcoat well back by the armhole, put a six-sheoter in his hip pocket, loaded up with an extra allowance of cigarettes and set out to seek whom he might detect.

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He began operations by taking a room in Mercer street, Jersey City, and favoring the residents of the vicinity with his society. Among the places he frequented was a bowling alley, and there he got acquainted with a clerk in a Jersey City bank. On July 15 he presented at the First National Bank in Jersey City a check drawn in his favor on the Chatham National Bank of New York for \$34.50 and signed with the name of Joseph Lajeune, produce merchant in Washington street. New York. Through the identification of his bank clerk acquaint-ance this check was cashed.

A few days later he presented to B. Meyers, a Montgomery street saloon keeper, a check drawn in his favor on the Chatham National Bank and signed "Robert Pinkerton." Theodore had previously confided to Meyers with a good deal of mystery that he was a genuine Pinkerton detective, and he showed a badge in proof.

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Meyers gave up \$20 in real money for the check, and his till is now short just that amount. Robert A. Pinkerton has no account at the Chatham National Bank. Various other "Robert Pinkerton" checks made their appearance from time to time, and about a week ago one came from Provia badge in proof.

warlous other Robert Pinkerton Checks made their appearance from time to time, and about a week ago one came from Providence, R. I., where it developed that Theodore had gone rather hastily to detect things. A Providence man got off with a loss of \$42 on this transaction.

Then the Pinkerton people began to do a little detecting on their own account and in home waters, but it was Chief of Police Murphy and Detective Sergeant Doyle of Jersey City who got on the trail of Theodore, and on Tuesday night Doyle and a New York detective arrested him in Manhattan and locked him up.

Troutman lived with his mother for a time at 292 Pearl street, Brooklyn, and while there forged her name to a check for \$110, which he gave to the landlord of the house they lived in for rent, receiving something like \$40 in change. His mother paid this check to save him. One of the Pinkerton detectives described him yesterday as a typical cigarette fiend.

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He is held on the First National Bank of Jersey City charge, and an effort will be made to extradite him to New Jersey for trial. He is 24 years old.

RELIEF FOR THE KREISBERGS. Charitable Folk Have Contributed for Them \$121.50 Through "The Sun."

The stream of contributions from SUN readers to relieve the distress of the Kreisberg family, of father, mother and seven children, who have been starving in a cellar room at 63 Columbia street, still continues. Yesterday the total passed the \$100 mark. Almost without exception, if the donors sign their full names, it is with the request that these be not printed.

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Early yesterday a gentleman turned in \$3, \$4 of which he said might be credited to "F. H." and the other to "R." On crested note paper, with a Latin motto, which translated, is, "To the good the promise is good," and signed by a name the initials of which are "E. E. H.," was a note accompanying a gift of \$10. From Rochester, pinned to a sheet of letter paper with the stamp of the Cooperative Foundry office, came \$2. "J. M. D." sent \$1, with the hope that "it may relieve them from hunger for a came \$2. "J. M. D." sent \$1, with the hope that "it may relieve them from hunger for a little time." "A. H.," who has an office in the Produce Exchange building, sent \$5; from Mrs. M. Fatman of 23 West Eighty-first street a check for \$5 was received, and a man who desires to have his name omitted sends from his office at 45 and 47 Wall street a check for \$10.

This makes \$121.50 received by The Sun for the Kreisbergs.

STEEL MARKET QUIET.

"Iron Age" Says Price Reductions Have

Not Stimulated Business. Reviewing the week in the steel and iron trade, the Iron Age says that business in structural material and in plate and shape material has not increased as a result of price reductions. The review says in part:

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Business in structural material does not appear to have been stimulated to any extent by the recent lewering in association prices on shapes. In fact, some sellers note that the market is rather quieter. It is intimated, however, that quite a number of large long-time contracts with architectural concerns were closed before the official announcement was made.

In plate and shape trades, the principal effect of the concessions has been to bring out specifications on old contracts; but for new business, consumers seem to cling to the conviction that the end of readjustments of prices has not yet come.

JUAN N. NAVARRO STRICKEN. Mexican Consul-General Has a Stroke

of Apoplexy on a N. Y. Central Train. Juan N. Navarro, the Mexican Consul-General in this city, suffered a slight attack of apoplexy while on the limited fast mail bound from Buffalo to this city on Tuesday night. He was made as comfortable as possible on the train, and word of his illness was telegraphed to Dr. Alex ander Hadden of 155 East Fifty-first street.

Dr. Hadden met the patient at the Grand Central yesterday forenoon, and had him taken to his home at 251 West Forty-fourth street. It was said at the house last night that Señor Navarro's condition had greatly that Senor Navarro's condition had greatly improved and that he was in no immediate danger. With the Consul-General when he was stricken was his wife. They had been on a three months' vacation, much of which had been spent at the world's fair. The train was half an hour out of Buffalo when the attack came on. For a time it was feared that the Consul-General would succumb, but he rallied so thoroughly from the stroke that it was decided to confrom the stroke that it was decided to con consul-General Navarro has held his present post since 1863. He was born in the City of Mexico in 1823, and for many years was a Colonel in the Mexican Army.

Court Calendars This Day. Appellate Division—Supreme Court—Recess.
Supreme Court—Special Term—Part I. Motion alendar called at 10:30 A. M. Part II.—Ex parte

matters.
Surrogates' Court—Chambers—For probate—Wills of Emily Hall, Marie L. Phelan, Isaac Schiacter, Gustave Leopold, Charles Scheel, Carl Weber-lust, Margaret Eoster, Carl L. Rose, Morris Levy, Herman H. Jantsen, Hannah M. Ackerman, at 10:30 A. M.; Ratherine Schmidt at 2:20 P. M. City Court—Special Term—Court opens at 19 A. M.; Motions.

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